

Fact Sheet: Department of Justice Forfeiture Filing

- On January 6, 2009, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a forfeiture action on against funds located in Singapore allegedly related to bribes paid to influence the award of government contracts in Bangladesh.
- This action reflects the U.S. Government's commitment to vigorous enforcement of U.S. money laundering laws and our desire to protect the integrity of our financial institutions and prevent illicit proceeds of crime from moving through U.S. financial institutions.
- This forfeiture action is to recover funds illegally transferred through U.S. financial institutions and is not a criminal complaint. There are no existing U.S. criminal charges against any Bangladeshi government official. This filing is against accounts and not any particular individual.
- According to the Department of Justice's filing, the U.S. seeks to recover approximately USD 3 million.
- The timing of this filing is the result of a long standing investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation into violations of U.S. law. The U.S. Department of Justice and FBI have worked closely with Bangladeshi law enforcement authorities in the course of this investigation.
- The U.S. looks forward to working with the Government of Bangladesh to recover any additional illicit proceeds of crime that went through U.S. financial institutions and that are subject to U.S. jurisdiction.
- For additional information, please review the Department of Justice's press release on this case. It is available on the Internet at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/2009/January/09-crm-020.html>.